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of a meeting of the
COMMITTEE ON THE WEST INDIES
of the
Committee on Cooperation in Latin America.
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Held at 25 Madison Avenue, New York City, January 10, 1919
at 10 am.

Present: Messrs. J. E. McAfee, M. C. Allaben, L. C. Barnes, W. L. McDowell, H. N. Morse(representing Dr. J. A. Marquis), S. G. Inman:

Trustee of the Evangelical Seminary of Porto Rico, Dr. A. E. Keigwin:

Visitors: Mrs. Katherine S. Westfall and Mr. C. S. Detweiler.

Dr. McDowell opend the meeting with prayer.

The first item considered was the report of the Evangelical Union of Porto Rico, prepared by Rev. Philo W. Drury. The requests and recommendations from this report were read item by item.

It was VOTED that this committee recommend to the respective Boards that the same special appropriations be granted this year as were granted last year, for the work of the Committee on Literature of the Evangelical Union of Porto Rico, in accordance with Mr. Drury's request.

It was VOTED that we refer the second request concerning Sunday School literature to the Committee on Literature of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America.

It was VOTED to refer to a special sub-committee of three the matter of needed remedial measures for social conditions in Porto Rico. Messrs. McAfee, Allaben and McDowell were chosen as members of this sub-committee.

It was recommended that the Secretary of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America refer directly to each Board interested all matters that have the endorsement of the Committee on the West Indies.

There followed a discussion concerning the establishing of bookstores in Porto Rico. Mr. Inman told of the large plans of the Committee on Literature for all of Latin America and of the cooperation offered by large American publishing houses.

It was VOTED that this matter of bookstores in Porto Rico be referred to the Committee on Literature with approval of this committee and the expressed conviction that the program of the Evangelical Union of Porto Rico be enlarged; and that the suggestion be made to the Committee on Literature of the advisability of considering whether the first bookstore ought not to be located in the capital rather than in Ponce.

It was VOTED that the question of a Tuberculosis Sanatarium in Porto Rico be referred to the special sub-committee provided above for social conditions.

The matter of the Social Purity Campaign in Porto Rico was then discussed and it was VOTED that Mr. Inman and Mr. Allaben be named a special committee to cooperate with the forces working for Social Purity in Porto Rico.

It was VOTED that this Secretary inform Mr. Drury that hhis committee encourages him to secure secretarial help for his office.

It was then VOTED that this Committee request the Committee on Cooperation In Latin America to appropriate $500 instead of $250 to aid the interdenominational work in Porto Rico.

It was VOTED to recommend the holding of an interdenominational Summer Institute for the workers of the different Missions in Porto Rico and that the respective Boards be asked to provide the traveling expenses and board at these conferences for their workers. It was VOTED that a lecturer be provided from the United States for such as Institute.

It was VOTED that we duplicate for Cuba our recommendation to the Boards and the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America concerning a Summer Institute for workers in Porto Rico.

The report of the special committee appointed to formulate an educational program for Porto Rico and Cuba was then read as follows,

The Committee recommends as follows:

1. That the Polytechnic Institute of Porto Rico be recognized as a distinct factor in the educational program of the island, and that all of the evangelical forces be urged to give it their moral and such other support as the established policies of the institution shall warrant.

2. That the American Missionary Association be urged to project and adequately to support the Blanche Kellog Institute as as Neighborhood House and as a Training School of young women for community service: That the American Missionary Association be urged to confer with other evangelical forces with a view to shaping such a program as shall enlist general interdenominational cooperation.

3. That the Protestant forces in Porto Rico should recognize their peculiar responsibility for the wholehearted support and sympathetic cooperation in defining the entire program of public education from the elementary school up through the University.

4. That the successful experiment of the Baptist Hostel at Rio Piedras be heartily commenced, and the evangelical forces be urged to cooperate in such work.

5. That the Educational Committee in Porto Rico be asked to study other educational enterprises already projected by the several denominations together with definitely felt needs not yet provided for withaa view to articulationg all educational work in a cooperative program.

6. That the evangelical forces recognise in the Presbyterian Hospital at San Juan, in the American Association Hospital at Humacao, and in St. Luke's Hospital at Ponce, institutions deserving the united support of the workers of all denominations and designed loyally to serve all.

7. That this committee would deplore the initiation of any movement to establish church colleges in Porto Rico.

Cuba.

8. That the paramount educational need of Cuba is the establishment of an agricultural-mechanical school, especially designed to serve the needs of the rural population on a program somewhat similar to that of Hampton Institute, modified to suit local conditions.

That an adequate program for such as institution would legitimately require a quarter of a million dollars for plant and a similar amount for endowment. It is the conviction of the committee that the missionary agency which may undertake this work on the basis suggested will render a service to the West Indies second to none in importance.

9. That we recognise the need of a Christian Normal School and we recommend that a program be devised for its establishment and support on a cooperative basis by the Boards conducting educational work in Cuba.

10. That the foremost educational responsibility of the missionary forces is to foster the adequate development of an efficient system of public education.

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The question of entering Santo Domingo was then considered and letters on the subject from Dr. Hough and Mr. Orr were read.

Dr. McDowell spoke of the purpose of the Methodist Episcopal Board to enter that field. He also spoke of the inopportuneness of the plan proposed by the four bodies who were contemplating organic union in Porto Rico.

Mr. Inman referred to the fact that he had been requested, at a former meeting of this Committee, to make a survey of the republics of Santo Domingo and Haiti, and of his purpose to proceed with this work in the spring, if the General Committee on Cooperation approved.

Dr. Keigwin spoke of the importance of having a survey made, uncolored by denominational viewpoints, and of having this interdenominational committee make the survey and consider the question of how the Island should be entered by the Christian forces.

Mr. Allaben remarked that Dr. Marquis had already written the Presbyterian workers in Porto Rico, asking them to postpone any action in behalf of Santo Domingo until the result of Mr. Inman's survey was reported.

It was VOTED that the Committee reaffirm its position with regard to Santo Domingo, and that all action by the Boards be delayed until Mr. Inman's survey is made.

Mr. McAfee spoke appreciatively of the eager desire of the workers in Porto Rico for the evangelization of Santo Domingo and of how long their ardent spirits had patiently heeded the requests to delay action. He also called the attention of the Committee to the fact that Santo Domingo was the one virgin territory open to the Home Mission Boards of the United States and that therefore it was important that they take concerted and harmonious action with regard to its occupation; that if they fail in the presence of this opportunity, they lose a great chance to demonstrate the value of united counsel in our missionary tasks.

Dr. Barnes recommended that, in the above action asking the brethren in Porto Rico to await the results of Mr. Inman's survey, we express our appreciation of their desire and efforts for the evangelization of Santo Domingo.

The meeting adjourned at 3.30 pm.

(Signed) S. G. Inman

Secretary.

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MINUTES
of the
Executive Committee
of the
Committee on Cooperation in Latin America.

Held at 25 Madison Avenue, New York City, October 1st, 1919.

Present: Mrs. Bennett, Messrs. Detweiler (rep. Dr. Brink), Marquis, Chester Colton, Speer, Halford, North, Sanders, Haven, Olcott, Inman, McDowell, (rep. Dr. Forsyth); Visitors: Dr. Harry Farmer, Bishop F. J. McConnell, Dr. Orts-Gonzalez, Mr. W. F. Jordan

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Marquis and Col. Halford.

Mr. Speer, presiding, presented the docket prepared by the Executive Secretary, which was adopted as the order of business.

Report of Treasurer. The Treasurer's report for the first six months of the fiscal year, (April 1st to September 30th, 1919), was presented by the Executive Secretary as follows:

Receipts:

Cash Balance from last year	$4,354.84	
Contributions from Boards	2,790.00	
Contributions from Individuals	1,995.00	
Interest on Bank Balance	65.12	
Contributions on 1918-19 budget	1,330.00	
Balance on Cuba Survey Fund	114.61	
Credit on disbursements made on present year's budget during previous fiscal year	1,174.25	
Cash held in trust	401.47	12,250.25

Disbursements:

General Administration	4,307.22	
Editorial Committee	924.81	
Educational Committee	1,416.05	
Field Committees	516.65	
Cash Balance	4,640.85	
Undistributed expenditures	424.67	12,250.25

A supplementary statement made by the Executive Secretary showed that about five thousand dollars was still needed to fully cover the budget for the current fiscal year. It was explained that in apportioning the budget among the various boards, account had not been taken of the contributions made by some boards in the form of salaries paid to missionaries giving their whole time to the work of the Committee. These salaries are not included in the budget, but the boards concerned deducted same from their apportionment. Also the amount secured from individual subscriptions has been smaller than was expected this year.

IT WAS VOTED that the report of the Treasurer be approved and that in making the apportionments for the new fiscal year the amount expected from individuals be reduced by one-half and the amount so deducted be added to the apportionment of the supporting boards.

The Committee on Literature reported through Dr. Farmer, its chairman, that considerable temperance literature in Spanish had been prepared, including a pamphlet giving the anti-liquor pronouncements of numerous Roman Catholic authorities well-known in Latin America. This and another pamphlet on the harm done by beer and light wines are now being printed in Mexico City under the auspices of the Committee with funds supplied by the International Reform Bureau of Washington. A manuscript by Dr. Juan Orts-Gonzalez has just been completed, giving the history of the prohibition movement in the United States. A publisher is now being sought for this.

Stalker's "Life of Paul" has been put into Portuguese under the direction of the Brazilian Committee on Cooperation. The American Tract Society has been requested to publish it.

Jenks' "Social Teachings of Jesus" is being translated by the Editorial Secretary of the Committee, this work being now more than half completed. Dr. Winton has also just completed the manuscript of a Commentary on the 1920 International Lessons which is now being printed by the American Tract Society.

The Pilgrim Training Course for Teachers is being translated in Porto Rico, and when completed will be published by the Pilgrim Press.

An original manuscript by Dr. Juan Orts-Gonzalez entitled, "The United States and the Moral Care of her Soldiers" is on hand and efforts should be made to get it published. In connection with books like that of Dr. Orts and temperance literature, it was suggested that it might be well for the Evangelical Press of Mexico to adopt a name for use in publishing works of a non-religious character for general circulation in Latin America.

IT WAS VOTED that this suggestion be approved and that the Executive Secretary be empowered to make arrangements for such publication either in Havana or Mexico City, as investigation may prove best.

Attention was called to the collection of books in Spanish which had grown up in the Executive Office and the need for their proper cataloging and care in order to make them easily available to those interested. It was also pointed out that the Executive Office has in its files a large amount of research material in manuscript form which shoudl be made available for use, especially in the investigations of the Survey Department of the Interchurch World Movement. The Executive Office lacks both the clerical help necessary for this work and the space for its proper display.

IT WAS VOTED that this Committee consider the turning over of this material to the Missionary Research Library, and that Dr. Sanders, Mr. Detweiler and Mr. Inman be appointed a committee with power to confer with the Library concerning a satisfactory arrangement for the care of the collection.

Report of Survey of Santo Domingo and Haiti. Mr. Inman reported briefly the results of his recent trip to the Island of Santo Domingo, emphasizing the great need of the field and its practically unoccupied state. He stated that the Republic of Haiti was only comparable to the interior of Africa as a mission field.

The Report of the Committee on West Indies on the occupation of Santo Domingo and Haiti was then read to the Committee. This sub-committee has recommended the occupation of the entire island by a united committee of the boards, this united committee, or board of trustees, to be in charge of the administration of the missions to be established, with the expenditure of one million dollars for equipment and the initiation of work in five centers in the Island.

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IT WAS VOTED that a letter be sent to the Boards outlining the proposition approved by the West Indies Committee, giving figures as to initial investment and running expenses, with an approximately accurate idea of the responsibilities to be assumed by a board agreeing to the plan; that the letter be prepared by the Executive Secretary in consultation with two or three board secretaries.

Dr. North suggested that approach to the handling of the work in Santo Domingo might be made from Porto Rico through the missions already established there with better results than it could be handled as a separate field. Dr. McDowell asked for an expression of opinion from the Committee concerning the proposed plan.

IT WAS VOTED that the Committee express its cordial approval of the plan for the occupation of Santo Domingo and Haiti by a union board of trustees, as adopted by the West Indies Committee.

MEXICO : Mr. Speer made a brief statement in which he mentioned the large amount of attention that had been given to the subject of intervention in Mexico during the past two months, and enumerated certain matters which the Committee should consider.

The Executive Secretary gave a brief history of his work against intervention, his connection with the Mexican Committee of the League of Free Nations Association, and his appearance before the Senate sub-committee investigating Mexican affairs.

The Chairman of the Committee read letters exchanged with some of the financial concerns interested in Mexico, in which they stated they did not approve of military intervention in Mexico.

A letter from the Federal Council of Churches was read, suggesting that it might establish a Commission on Relations with Mexico to deal with any phases of the subject that did not seem to lie directly within the field of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America.

A letter from Mr. Ross A. Hadley, secretary of the American Friends Board of Foreign Missions, was read, suggesting that a special committee be appointed to deal with relations with Mexico and to work against intervention. After considerable discussion IT WAS VOTED that the Chairman appoint a sub-committee, of which he should be chairman, to take up the Mexican question and prepare a statement concerning it, reporting back to the Executive Committee such statement for its approval. The Committee was appointed as follows: Messrs. Speer, North, Chester and Inman.

The Committee adjourned for luncheon at 2.00 p. m. and reassembled at 2:45.

IT WAS VOTED that the Committee express to the Federal Council of Churches its desire that the Federal Council do all in its power to help maintain a proper attitude on the part of the American public toward Mexico, especially in seeking to avert military intervention in that country.

Incorporation of the Evangelical Press of Mexico. The Executive Secretary reported that the matter of incorporating the Evangelical Press had been taken up with the legal department of the Methodist Episcopal Foreign Board and that steps were under way to draft articles of incorporation in this country. It was the sense of some members that incorporation in the United States might be open to disadvantages.

IT WAS VOTED that this question be gone into with Mr. Gantz, Counsel of the Methodist Board, and the Board of Managers in Mexico before final action.

Educational Secretary for Mexico. It was reported to the Committee that Prof. Saenz whose appointment as Educational Secretary for Mexico has already been authorized, will not be able to leave his present work as director of the National Preparatory School until December, at which time he will assume his new duties. For some time he has been acting as Editor of the union paper in Mexico, "El Mundo Cristiano," but is now turning that over to Mr. Arellano who has just been appointed editor.

Secretary for Interdenominational Work in Mexico. The support for a secretary in Mexico to give his entire time to interdenominational work having been guaranteed by several temperance organizations, the United Society of Christian Endeavor and the International Sunday School Association, the names of Mr. George W. McBride and Mr. W. I. Kelsey were suggested as capable of filling the position.

IT WAS VOTED that the Committee would approve the selection of either of these men for the work, and the Executive Secretary was authorized to engage either of them according to his judgment.

A Mexican University. It was announced that Dr. O. W. E. Cook, representing the Mexican section of the committee working for the establishment of a Mexican Christian University, would be in New York in November in the interest of the proposed university.

IT WAS VOTED that the Executive Secretary call the university committee to meet with Dr. Cook the early part of November.

BRAZIL:

Union Seminary in Brazil. A letter from Dr. H. C. Tucker, of Rio de Janeiro, was read, in which the Brazilian Committee on Cooperation asked for $50,000 to initiate the project, the boards interested being the Methodist Episcopal South, the Northern Presbyterian and the Southern Presbyterian.

IT WAS VOTED to pass to the Boards concerned the request

for immediate funds and that the necessary funds for this institution be included in the budget for union institutions of the Interchurch World Movement.

American Bible Society Building in Rio de Janeiro. The Brazilian Committee on Cooperation having indorsed the project of erecting a new building in Rio de Janeiro in which some of the other union movements in the country might have their headquarters,

IT WAS VOTED that this Committee considers such a building most desirable and trusts that the American Bible Society may find menas to carry out the project.

Secretary of the Brazilian Committee.

IT WAS VOTED that this Committee expresses its hearty approval of the request of the Brazilian Committee that Dr. H. C. Tucker be permitted by the American Bible Society to devote a part of his time to the promotion of cooperative work in his capacity as head of the Brazilian Committee, and earnestly hopes that the Society may see its way clear to make this arrangement.

IT WAS VOTED to transmit with our approval to the Worlds Sunday School Association the request of the Brazilian Committee on Cooperation that a Sunday School Secretary for Brazil be employed.

Brazilian Secretary for Literature.

IT WAS VOTED to provide for the coming year 1920-21 an appropriation to the Brazilian Committee on Cooperation sufficient to enable them to employ Prof. Erasmo Braga as Secretary for Literature in Brazil, in charge of the preparation of Portuguese generally.

In connection with this action it was brought to the attention of the Committee that the Southern Methodist Publishing House in Brazil was willing to give Prof. Braga office space in their building and had also offered to pay for any acceptable manuscripts that might be produced under Prof. Braga's direction and publish them.

Evangelical Hospital in Rio de Janeiro. An appeal from the Evangelical Hospital of Rio de Janeiro was read to the Committee by the Executive Secretary. This hospital is conducted by an independent board of trustees and is not able to use its entire equipment on account of lack of funds to maintain all of its wards.

IT WAS VOTED that the matter of support for this institution be referred to the Brazilian Committee on Cooperation for its investigation and recommendation.

Conference on Latin American Missions. The sub-committee on a Latin American Conference reported that various plans had been laid before the committee for holding such a conference, but that no definite action had been taken.

IT WAS VOTED that the sentiment of the members of the general committee be ascertained with regard to such a conference to be held in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Committee on January 16th and 17th, 1920.

Central American Regional Conference. Rev. C. S. Detweiler reported for this Committee that it seemed best to hold this conference in either San Jose or Guatemala City during the first week in March, 1920. It was desired that all the missionaries in Central America who could possibly do so attend, and that there be at least ten representatives from the three boards in the United States which have work in those countries.

IT WAS VOTED that this sub-committee proceed with the arrangements for such a conference and report fully at a later time.

Normal School in Costa Rica. A proposition made by Sr. Arturo Torres, of the educational section of the Pan American Union, that the Costa Rican government would be willing to turn over a group of normal school buildings to an American mission board upon certain conditions, was discussed. No action was taken.

Relations with the Interchurch World Movement. Mr. Inman explained that, as previously agr d upon by the Committee, he had accepted responsibility for directing the Latin American surveys for the Interchurch World Movement and this would necessarily take a good deal of his time during the next few months. It is planned to secure the assistance of several men who know the different fields. Mr. W. E. Vanderbilt is now working on the Mexican survey and Mr. B. H. Hunnicutt on Brazil; Mr. Sylvester Jones for Cuba and Mr. P. A. Conard for parts of South America have been asked to help. These men will be used on consultation with the missionary authorities to formulate a field program which may be presented by January 1st.

The Field Department. The Executive Secretary reported that, in connection with this Committee's agreement to direct the field work in educating the churches and securing their cooperation in Latin America, most of the work done so far consisted in preparation of literature here.

Plans for the publication of the new monthly paper in Spanish, "La Nueva Democracia," were reported far advanced. The arrangement made through the Literature Committee with the Interchurch World Movement is that the former is to assume responsibility for publication with Mr. Inman as director and Dr. Orts as editor, while the expenses of the magazine are to be met by the Interchurch Movement. It is expected to have the first number out in less than a month.

A Spanish Pamphlet on the Interchurch Movement, entitled, "What the Interchurch World Movement Means," has been prepared in the editorial department of the committee. This deals extensively with the subject of cooperation and will be circulated by the Movement throughout Latin America.

Interchurch Budget for Union Institutions. With regard to making up a budget for presentation to the Interchurch World Movement, covering the needs of union institutions in Latin America, it was reported to the Committee that it seemed at present that these items would not be carried in a separate budget by the Interchurch Movement, but that the proportion of each board interested in them would be carried in its own budget for its work in the field concerned.

IT WAS VOTED that data be assembled on the needs of union institutions in order that it may be presented to the Interchurch World Movement in whatever form may be desired when it is called for.

Activities of the Educational Secretary. Dr. Webster E. Browning, the Educational Secretary of the Committee, presented by letter three different plans for his work for the coming year, asking that the Committee express it s judgment as to which would be most desirable for him to undertake.

IT WAS VOTED that the Committee favors the plan of making a trip through the northwestern countries of South America during this coming year, visiting Panama and attending the Central American Regional Conference in March, and then proceeding to New York for two or three months work in connection with the Interchurch World Movement.

IT WAS VOTED to express to Dr. and Mrs. Browning the profound sympathy of this Committee with them in the recent loss of their elder daughter.

Activities of the Editorial Secretary. The visit of the Editorial Secretary to Mexico for his own Board was reported, and his suggestion that he might do some of his editorial work in Mexico. No action was taken.

The Committee adjourned at 5:05 p. m.

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COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN LATIN AMERICA

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The Montevideo Congress.

Plans are going forward satisfactorily for the Congress on Christian Work in South America to be held in Montevideo the first part of 1925. It is now nearly eight years since the holding of the Panama Congress. Profound changes have taken place in Latin America. These affect every department of work carried on by mission boards. It is necessary to make an entire restudy of the situation. The evangelical churches in South America have grown greatly in leadership. Social and educational movements indigenous to South America have developed. Conference between North Americans trying to serve the Southern continent and the South Americans themselves is of the greatest importance.

The Congress will be made up of some two hundred picked leaders, half of them South Americans and half of them North American board representatives and missionaries. It will last ten days. Before and after the conference delegates will visit the various countries of South America to study the mission work and general conditions in those lands.

The following commissions have been appointed to prepare reports for the Congress: I. Unoccupied Fields, II. The Indians, III. Education, IV. Evangelism, V. Social Movements in Latin America, VI. Medical Missions and Health Ministry, VII. The Church in the Community, VIII. Problems of Church Life and Worship, IX. Literature, X. Missionary Relationship, XI. Special Religious Problems in South America, XII. Cooperation and Unity.

The Committee on Arrangements is as follows: Messrs. R. E. Speer, J. R. Mott, Titus Lowe, W. I. Haven, E. H. Rawlings, S. H. Chester, W. R. Wheeler, F. K. Sanders, A. C. Snead, Bp. W. C. Brown, Miss Irene Sheppard, Mrs. Anna R. Atwater, Miss Esther Case.

Further information will be gladly given on inquiry from the Executive Secretary, 25 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Peru Deports Student Leader.

The story of the recent exile of U. R. Haya de la Torre, President of the Federation of Students in Peru, sounds like a tale of the "inquisition". About a year ago an attempt was made to get the National Assembly of Peru to approve a concordat with the Pope. This movement having failed, through the opposition of the students and others, the President and Arch-

bishop agreed to consecrate the Republic to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Sr. de la Haya, who exerted tremendous influence both among the students and laboring classes because of his splendid spirit and leadership, succeeded in arranging a manifestación against this proposed consecration. During the demonstration the students and their followers collided with the government and clerical forces and five students were killed. Followed another demonstration at the burial of these heroes and Sr. de la Haya was forced to hide from the government authorities who had instructions to deport him. He was later imprisoned and after a short prison term was exiled. Landing at Panama he received a cable from the Department of Education of the Mexican Government inviting him to serve in that department in coordinating the work of Latin American students for the promotion of modern educational methods. He has accepted the invitation and is at present in Mexico City. Sr. Haya was a teacher in one of the Evangelical schools, so clerical influences attempted to involve the Director of the school, Dr. John Mackay as also Rev. John Ritchie, director of an evangelical printing house. Orders for the deportation of these two missionaries were only withdrawn when the British Minister intervened on their behalf.

Great Year for Brazilian Protestants.

In no place in Latin America is the splendid growth of the evangelical church more impressive than in Brazil. That church has come to be a very strong factor in national life. Great self-supporting churches are found in the cities, with large memberships and doing real missionary work in their own districts, and one of them at least reaching out into a foreign land.

An illustration of the fact that our members are what we would call in this country "live members" and are taking part in the varied life of the community, is the news that the first woman aviator in Brazil is a young lady member of one of our churches in Santos.

One of the most remarkable things in the development of the work in Brazil is among the Japanese. Little over a year ago a Japanese student, converted in Japan, who had come to the United States for theological training, talked to the Secretary about work among the Japanese immigrants who were going to Brazil. It was not possible for him to secure any appointment from North American mission boards. So, since he had saved up some money from working in the United States, he decided to go at his own expense, to minister to the 35,000 Japanese who have recently come into the State of Sao Paulo, invited by the Brazilian Government to colonize and help furnish agricultural hands for that district. The young man found a splendid welcome among the Japanese. Some of them were Christians. And he is now building up a fine Sunday School and some night classes. The Brazilian churches were interested in the work and the pastors formed a Japanese Mission in order to guide this growing development. The Japanese themselves have contributed something like $2,000 for the erection of a building and the Brazilian pastors

propose to see that this work is well cared for. The Japanese in California have also become interested and it now looks as though this splendid work would be carried forward by means of the Japanese and Brazilian Christians.

At the office of the Committee on Cooperation in Brazil, in Rio de Janeiro preparations for the coming Montevideo Congress are in full swing. About two hundred persons are at work on the development of the commission reports for that country. Literature concerning the problems of evangelical work, maps, etc. are being published and circulated and at the same time the important program of the Brazilian Literature Committee is being pushed, especially work on the Bible Dictionary and Bible Concordance. The offices are located on a prominent downtown street and are occupied by the Committee on Cooperation, the Brazilian Secretary of the World's Sunday School Association and the National Secretary of the Young Mens' Christian Association. Nearly every day there is some kind of interdenominational committee meeting in the conference room. One of the prominent publishers of Brazil has recently requested Prof. Braga for the right to publish a revised edition of the latter's book on the Panama Congress.

Prof. Osuna Coming to the United States.

Prof. Andres Osuna, Secretary for the interdenominational and cooperative work in Mexico is to be in the United States during December and January to attend various annual meetings and represent Latin America to the students of the North American colleges at the Student Volunteer Convention, to be held at Indianapolis. Among the noteworthy accomplishments of Prof. Osuna are the results of his work along temperance lines. The rapid progress of temperance in Mexico is due in very great measure to Prof. Osuna's activities. He will visit the temperance organizations that support his program in Mexico and meet with the secretaries of the mission boards that have work in that country, at the annual meeting of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America. Present conditions in Mexico and the unusual opportunity for the development of the evangelical work lead us to rejoice more than ever in the fact that such an outstanding leader as Prof. Osuna is heading the forces for cooperative evangelical enterprise in Mexico. The Mexican Union Press, under his direction, has had an unusually satisfactory year.

Sunday School Committee Organizes.

The presence in the United States of Mr. George P. Howard, Sunday School Secretary for South America, and the recent visit of Mr. Pearce of the World's Sunday School Association to South America have stimulated interest in the matter of Sunday School work there. The special sub-committee of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America on this subject had been more adequately organized with Mr. Landes as Chairman and with the advantage of Mr. Howard's visit, has been hard at work on the development of a program for furnishing literature for Sunday School teachers in Latin America, and arranging for the proper consideration of the subject at Montevideo. Mr. Howard is returning to South America in December.

The Spanish Commentary on the International Sunday School Lessons for 1924 is now ready. They may be obtained from the Book Department of LA NUEVA DEMOCRACIA, 25 Madison Avenue, New York City, at $1.25, in cloth, and $.80 in paper, postpaid to any part of the world.

Indian Work.

The Survey Committee of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America recently called a meeting to hear Mr. Legters, representative of the Pioneer Missionary Agency, who had recently been to Mexico and made a survey of the Indian conditions there. Mr. Legters gave a brief outline of the result of his studies of the Indians in Mexico. He said that there were at least three millions who only spoke their tribal tongues, having only enough Spanish in certain places to carry on commercial dealings with the Mexican people. He found that neither the Government nor the missionaries knew very much about the numbers of Indians. He told of the great need of reaching these Indians and of the opportunities at the present time. He spoke of three ways that the Indians might be reached. First, each board might send out its own missionaries to the Indians into the territory for which they are responsible. Second, a neutral agency might be selected, such as the Christian and Missionary Alliance, to which each board would commend the work among the Indians in its particular district. Third, the formation of an interdenominational committee, representative of the boards which might employ a superintendent and the workers in all of the fields, directing the work as a board of trustees might direct the work of an interdenominational school.

Mr. Legters spoke of his profound belief that this is God's hour for the Indians of Latin America. He said that all over this country people are interested in the work and are willing to give money. Various small groups and individual churches are supporting independent missionaries who often go out without preparation and without proper and continuous backing and find it impossible to carry out their desires to help the Indians. It is imperative that some plan be developed which will bring together all of the people who are interested in saving the Indians of Latin America.

Mrs. Row, who had made a trip to Central America to study the Indian work last year, spoke of her profound conviction that something should be done immediately along cooperative lines to face up to the whole Indian problem of Latin America.

It was decided to recommend to the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America the formation of a cooperative board for carrying on and administrating missionary work among native speaking Indians in Mexico, Central America and South America and to call a conference of representatives of the boards having work in these fields and any other boards which may be interested in this problem to consider this matter. Further consideration of this matter will be given at the Annual Meeting of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, Atlantic City, January 11th - 12th.

Dr. Browning Returns to Montevideo.

After an eight months' trip through the countries of South America Dr. W. E. Browning reached the United States in April and spent the intervening months in and around New York, making his headquarters at the Executive Office, until he left for Montevideo with his family late in September. During his stay in this country he was able to render service to the boards along advisory lines concerning their educational programs and help in the preliminary organization for the Montevideo Congress. He had the opportunity also to do some good publicity work for Latin American missions. He has returned to Uruguay to pursue at once local preparations for the Montevideo Congress and take up the office of Executive Secretary of the River Plate cooperative committee in conjunction with his regular educational work.

Deputation to Santo Domingo.

At the recent annual meeting of the Board for Christian Work in Santo Domingo great enthusiasm was aroused by the fine reports of the year's accomplishments. Since the evangelistic and medical programs have now been set up and are meeting with great success the Board is making plans to initiate its educational program. A deputation especially to look into educational conditions, outline a policy and make recommendations to the Board is planning to sail for Santo Domingo about the middle of January. The following are expected to be members of the deputation: Bp. F. J. McConnell, Prof. W. Carson Ryan, educationalist from Swarthmore College; Miss Edna Voss, educational secretary of the Woman's Presbyterian Home Board; Miss Ione Dunn of Teachers' College; Messrs. Hershey, Inman and W. L. McDowell of the Board of Trustees and probably Dr. Gilbreath and Mr. Harris of Porto Rico.

A Quarter of a Century in Porto Rico.

The Porto Rican Evangelical churches celebrated in November the 25th anniversary of the beginning of evangelical mission work on that island. The celebration aroused wonderful enthusiasm. One of the features of the event was the presentation of a drama in which the beginnings and development of the work were most effectively shown. About 1500 persons were present and witnessed the performance with most intense interest. All phases of the work were shown and a splendid impression made. Two special issues of the union evangelical paper, Puerto Rico Evangélico, which has the largest circulation of any periodical on the island, were brought out, one of fifty-two pages, which required almost a ton of paper to print and 84,000 impressions, and another of twenty-eight pages, in commemoration of the celebration and great results were accomplished by the distribution of these numbers.

The annual meeting of the Evangelical Union of Porto Rico considered among other important matters the making of a care-

ful survey of the economic situation on the island, with a view to bringing such facts to the attention of the public and thereby serving as a corrective measure. The evangelical forces in Porto Rico could probably not render a greater service to that island than by studying impartially the economic situation there and then making the facts known. Their influence cannot be questioned for witness the results of their work for temperance.